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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions".

2. At its 20th meeting, on 6 November 1998, the Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/53/101) concerning the vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that will occur as a result of the expiration of the term of office of six of its members on 31 December 1998.

3. The Fifth Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/5) containing the names of nine persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

4. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend the appointment of Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica) to the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

5. The Fifth Committee proceeded to elect by secret ballot three persons from the candidates proposed by the Asian States. The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	176
Invalid ballots:	5
Number of valid ballots:	171
Abstentions:	0

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Number of members voting:	171
Required majority:	86
Number of votes obtained:	
Fumiaki Toya	143
Ahmad Kamal	127
Rajat Saha	113
Tang Guangting	105

6. Having obtained the required majority, Fumiaki Toya (Japan), Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan) and Rajat Saha (India) were recommended for appointment as members of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

7. The Fifth Committee then proceeded to elect by secret ballot two persons from the candidates proposed by the Western European and Other States. The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	177
Invalid ballots:	4
Number of valid ballots:	173
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	173
Required majority:	87
Number of votes obtained:	
Nicholas A. Thorne	105
Klaus Stein	92
Gian Luigi Valenza	92
Susan Shearouse	55

8. Having obtained the required majority, Nicholas A. Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) was recommended for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

9. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee then proceeded to a second ballot, which was restricted to the two candidates who had obtained the greatest number of votes, to fill the remaining vacancy.

10. The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	177
Invalid ballots:	4
Number of valid ballots:	173
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	172
Required majority:	87

Number of votes obtained:

Gian Luigi Valenza	105
Klaus Dieter Stein	67

11. Having obtained the required majority, Gian Luigi Valenza (Italy) was recommended for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

12. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999:

Nazareth A. Incera

Ahmad Kamal

Rajat Saha

Nicholas A. Thorne

Fumiaki Toya

Gian Luigi Valenza